

MINUTES
City Council Minutes
Monday, November 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation: Pastor Dale Simmons, Jasper Springs Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter. Mayor Bethune said Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter is under the weather tonight.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor; and Chris Snider, IT Technician.

Presentation: Chief Ballard and City Council recognized Office Lindsey Buchanan as Police Officer of the Quarter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment:

Georgia Department of Transportation Presentation: Ron Nelson, GDOT Project Principal and Quinton Alberto, Project Management Team Project Manager gave an overview of the I-16 Interchange project and I-16 widening project.

Mayor Bethune said we are excited about these projects. City Manager said we will post the tonight's presentation on the City's website.

Public Hearings:

FY2020 Proposed Budget: City Manager presented the FY2020 proposed budget for public comment. There being no questions or comments regarding the proposed budget, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bethune thanked the City Manager, Finance Director, finance staff, and department heads for their efforts on the FY2020 proposed budget. He said the City is in a strong financial position.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application (Dean Forest Beverage Center): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager's application by Michelle Lal to sell spirituous liquors (package), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Dean Forest Beverage Center, 1550 G Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application (Bills Mini Mart): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license manager's application by N. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Bills Mini Mart, 1550 D Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes (10/21/19) and workshop synopsis (10/28/19).

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of October.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of October.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of October.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said I have no updates or announcements.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Debris Service Agreements Renewal: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to renew service agreements for debris removal, reduction and disposal services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Employee Emergency Incident Pay Policy Amendment: Clerk of Council read a resolution to amend the Employee Emergency Incident Pay Policy setting forth procedures detailing employee obligations and use of leave time during time periods when circumstances impact the City's ability to open for business, as well as procedures for paying essential and non-essential employees during declared emergency incidents.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Biscuit Hill Road Right-of-Way Abandonment: Clerk of Council read a resolution to authorize the permanent closing and disposal of the southern 835.17 feet, more or less, of the portion of Biscuit Hill Road North of the Georgia Railway 150-foot right-of-way as described on Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" of the resolution.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, 2020 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the renewal of the Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2020 calendar year.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application (Dean Forest Beverage Center): Clerk of Council read the motion to approve an alcoholic beverage license manager's application by Michelle Lal to sell spirituous liquors (package), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Dean Forest Beverage Center, 1550 G Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application (Bills Mini Mart): Clerk of Council read the motion to approve an alcoholic beverage license manager's application by N. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Bills Mini Mart, 1550 D Dean Forest Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 11/18/19